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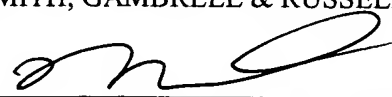
Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists both documents cited and discussed on pages 1-3 of Applicants' specification, and all of the documents noted in the International Search Report (ISR) filed herewith. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. The documents from Applicants' specification are those at AN and AO on the enclosed PTO-1449. As to the Search Report documents, U.S. Patent No. 5,997,653 (document AA) is identified as a family member of JP 10-172951 (document AP). Accordingly, all of the Japanese documents have translations provided for some portion thereof.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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